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TAGS: PREL, UNSE, RW, BR
SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF RWANDA ON THE UNSC: GOB
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2. POLOFF MET JULY 14 WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
(ITAMARATY) INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICER CARLOS
PEREZ TO SOLICIT BRAZILIAN VIEWS OF THE UPCOMING,
PROBLEMATIC RWANDAN SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENCY.

3. PEREZ SAID THAT ITAMARATY WAS AS APPREHENSIVE AS
WASHINGTON ABOUT A RWANDAN PRESIDENCY, BUT FOR THE
MOMENT, COULD NOT ENVISION A SUCCESSFUL CREDENTIALS
CHALLENGE TO THE PRESENT RWANDAN DELEGATION IN THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY (WHERE ITAMARATY BELIEVES ACTION WOULD

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HAVE TO BE INITIATED). PEREZ ALSO SAID THAT FOR AN ATTEMPT TO CHALLENGE CREDENTIALS IN THE GA TO SUCCEED, GREATER UNANIMITY AMONGST MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN ON THE QUESTION THAN OCCURS AT PRESENT. ITAMARATY BELIEVES THAT A NUMBER OF AFRICAN GROUP MEMBERS (UNSPECIFIED) WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH ANY ATTEMPT TO UNSEAT RWANDA. THE GROUP WOULD ALSO (ACCORDING TO PEREZ) FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ELECT A MEMBER COUNTRY TO FILL WHAT WOULD AMOUNT TO LESS THAN A FULL TERM ON THE COUNCIL.

4. PEREZ DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY OF A SUSPENSION OF THE RWANDAN DELEGATION, NOTING THAT THERE WERE NO DIRECT PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH ACTION -- THE DISINTEGRATION OF YUGOSLAVIA AND SUBSEQUENT SUSPENSION OF ITS UN DELEGATION OFFERING A POOR PARALLEL TO THE RWANDAN CASE. PEREZ WARNED, IN GENERAL TERMS, OF THE DANGER OF SETTING A PRECEDENT HERE THAT WOULD BE HARD TO IGNORE IN THE FUTURE. ITAMARATY DID NOT HAVE ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MOMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO CURRENT

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THINKING ON THE PROBLEM. IT DID BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE QUESTION OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENCY WAS LESS URGENT THAN THE MORE IMMEDIATE QUESTION OF HOW TO PAY FOR AS WELL AS STRUCTURE A PEACEKEEPING FORCE TO REPLACE THE FRENCH COME THE END OF JULY (WITH FEW COUNTRIES HAVING VOLUNTEERED TO DATE TO JOIN A PEACEKEEPING GROUP).
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